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SUBJ: GOJ REQUEST FOR USG INPUT TO PUBLICATION RE NUCLEAR VESSEL
PROPULSION AND SAFETY

1. GOJ FONOFF HAS REQUESTED THAT USG PROVIDE QTE AS MUCH
INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNQTE CONCERNING
SAFETY OF US NUCLEAR POWERED VESSELS (PRIMARILY SSN'S),
FOR DISSEMINATION TO JAPANESE PUBLIC IN WRITTEN FORM.

2. REQUEST IS TO SUPPORT PUBLICATION BY GOJ'S SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY AGENCY OF PAMPHLET EXTOLLING BASIC SAFETY OF NUCLEAR
PROPULSION FOR VESSELS AND EXTENSIVE RADIOACTIVITY MONITORING
PROCEDURES AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY BOTH
JAPANESE AND US GOVERNMENTS TO INSURE SAFETY OF NUCLEAR
VESSEL PORT VISITS. MAJOR SECTION PLANNED FOR PAMPHLET
WILL BE CAREFUL EXPLANATION OF SAFETY OF NUCLEAR POWERED
VESSELS AND, IN PARTICULAR, SAFETY STANDARDS, PROCEDURES
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AND PRECAUTIONS EMPLOYED BY USG AND USN, ALL IN TERMS WHICH

EDUCATED LAYMEN CAN UNDERSTAND. ADDITIONAL SECTION WILL DISCUSS GOJ'S OWN NUCLEAR MONITORING PROGRAM. STA PLANS CALL FOR INITIAL PRINTING OF 50,000 COPIES OF 8-10 PAGE PAMPHLET 10 INCHES BY 8 INCHES IN SIZE.

3. EMBASSY HAS IN FILES HERE UNCLASSIFIED SAFETY-ORIENTED MATERIALS PREVIOUSLY INTENDED FOR USE AS CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE AND FOR REPLIES TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED IN DIET DEBATES. HOWEVER, COMPARATIVELY LITTLE OF THIS MATERIAL SEEMS SUITABLE FOR RELEASE ON PAPER TO JAPANESE PUBLIC.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PROVIDE GOJ AUTHORATIVE STATEMENT ON SSN SAFETY FOR INCLUSION IN STA PAMPHLET TO RECEIVE WIDE PUBLIC DISSEMINATION. SUBJECT OF US ROLE IN HELPING TO EDUCATE JAPANESE PUBLIC ON SECURITY MATTERS HAS COME UP TWICE IN RECENT SCG MEETINGS. WE BELIEVE THIS OCCASION OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR USG TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THIS EDUCATIONAL PROCESS IF STATEMENT CAN BE PREPARED QUICKLY.

5. REQUEST DEPT ADVISE AS TO WHETHER WE CAN PRODUCE SUITABLE STATEMENT FOR INCLUSION IN STA PAMPHLET AND INDICATION OF PROBABLY TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE IT.
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